



Discipleship

According to Mark



HOUSTON
CHINESE CHURCH
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The Authority to Forgive
Preacher: Jason Tarn

Sunday, January 18, 2026 | 9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

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ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading, *Mark 2:1-17*

Worship in the Word, Jason Tarn

“The Authority to Forgive” - [Sermon Outline](#)

Worship in Song

Benediction & Doxology

Offertory

Offertory is an expression of our allegiance to God's rule by willingly submitting what God has given us for his works and purposes as a conscious act of worship.



UPCOMING SERMON SCHEDULE

Every Sunday at 9:15 AM

God Cares About the Baby and Mother (Sanctity of Life Sunday)

January 25 | Exodus 21:22-25 | Melvin Huang

The Lord of the Sabbath

February 1 | Mark 2:18-3:12 | Jason Tarn

A New Family

February 8 | Mark 3:13-35 | Stanley Chang

The Secret of the Kingdom

February 15 | Mark 4:1-20 | Jason Tarn



ONLINE

Sermon notes and video recordings can be found here:
hcc.lv/sermons



ENGLISH ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday School classes from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM. Jesus calls us to be disciples, workers, and leaders. Our teaching ministry aims to produce believers who are committed to the call of Jesus.

New Testament Survey (Part 2 of 3): Romans-2 Thessalonians | Rm 115

Christian Ethics (Part 2 of 3) | Chapel

Finding your PLACE | January 25 – February 22 | Rm 113



Discipleship According to Mark (Part I)

The Authority to Forgive

Mark 2:1-17

As Jesus bursts on the scene in Mark's Gospel, his authority is on full display. Demonstrated in how he calls disciples, casts out demons, cures the sick, cleanses lepers, and—as our text reveals—forgives sins. The message couldn't be clearer: Jesus is God in the flesh, and he's on a mission to forgive sinners and make them into disciples.

1. The audacity to pronounce forgiveness

2. The authority to offer forgiveness

3. The audience that receives forgiveness

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Little Ones | Monday, January 19th | 9:30AM-11:00AM | Fire Truck Park

MOLO (Mothers of Little Ones) will have a playdate this Monday, MLK day at Fire Truck Park! Playdates are now 1st and 3rd MONDAY of the month. For questions or inclement weather, contact Yi Wang eeex101@gmail.com.

Ordination Ceremony for Stanley Chang | Saturday, January 24th | 3:00 PM-5:00 PM | Sanctuary

Please join us for the ordination ceremony of Stanley Chang into the pastoral ministry. A light reception will follow in the chapel. RSVP at hcc.lv/ordination26. Nursery childcare will be available for children up to 3 years of age.

New Sunday School Class | Sundays, January 25th–February 22nd | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Rm 113

We are offering a 5-week class called "*Finding Your PLACE*". PLACE is an intentional process to help God's people discover how He has uniquely created them so they can be and do what He created them for in life and ministry. PLACE is an acronym that stands for: Personality Discovery, Learning Spiritual Gifts, Abilities Awareness, Connecting Passion with Ministry, Experiences of Life. The class will be led by Dena Chuang and Sean Qiu.

Family Life Conference | Fri.-Sat., February 20-21 | HCC

Screens are everywhere—including our homes—but so are opportunities for meaningful connections with our kids. Join us and our guest speaker Arlene Pellicane, host of the Happy Home podcast and author of several books. Friday night will involve watching her film, *Screen Kids*, and engaging Arlene directly with audience questions. The next morning, she will teach two workshops that explore practical ways to *Raise Relational Kids in a Screen-Driven World*.

Parents' Night Out Valentine's Day Edition | Saturday, February 14 | 4:00 PM-8:00 PM | HCC

Need someone to watch your child so you can go out and come back refreshed? Volunteers from HCC will take care of your kids while you go out for \$6/child. Volunteers, sign up at tinyurl.com/pno-volunteer. Parents, sign up your children at tinyurl.com/pno-signup. First come, first serve until capacity is reached. Contact Cecilia Liang at PNO@hcchome.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Thrive Retreat for Young Adults | Fri-Mon, May 22-25 | Trinity Pine

Organized by the Partnership of Asian American Churches in Texas (PAACT), this triennial retreat seeks to glorify God by building up the next generation of Asian-American young adults (singles or married couples without kids up to age 40) and address issues specific to them. It is a unique opportunity for young adults to connect, renew, and engage with one another and their faith. Email Melvin (melvin@hcchome.org) with any questions.

STM Taiwan 2026 Meeting | January 25th, February 8th

Information meetings for July's Taiwan STM [Tainan (7/3-7/12) or Taipei (7/11-7/19)] is scheduled for (1) Zoom meeting on 1/25 at 6pm (Zoom link: HCC.lv/twninfo) and (2) 2/8 at 1:30pm in Room 208. Interested individuals can also contact Mr. Frank.

CHURCH NOTICES

2025 Reimbursement Vouchers Due January 25, 2026

All reimbursement vouchers for 2025 expense must be submitted by **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. Any vouchers submitted after January 25th will NOT be accepted.

Please Refrain from Filing your 2025 Tax Return until the end of January

For tax deductibility purposes, you need to have your official HCC 2025 Offering Receipt record in hand before filing. It will be emailed to you by the end of January. If your email has changed recently, please update it in Breeze.

2025 Offering Record

Your 2025 HCC Offering Record will be sent to you via email at the end of January. Please do not request it before then. If you'd like to pick up a paper copy, please sign up at the church office starting Sunday, January 18th, and you can pick it up starting Sunday, February 1st.

HCC Children Ministry Intern | June-August

HCC Children's Ministry has a summer intern opportunity from June to August. This is a part-time paid intern position that will introduce and equip the applicant to learn about, serve, plan and lead in the children's ministry. Interested parties can check out the posting in hcc.lv/opportunities for more info.

HOUSTON CHINESE CHURCH FACTS & FIGURES

LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 11, 2026

HCC WORSHIP

303 ENGLISH	217 MANDARIN	78 CANTONESE	{	24 ENGLISH	50 MANDARIN	672 TOTAL



HCC SUNDAY SCHOOL

103 ENGLISH	68 CANTONESE	61 MANDARIN	57 YOUTH	94 CHILDREN	{	8 ENGLISH	28 MANDARIN	11 YOUTH	18 CHILDREN

PEARLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

JANUARY 11, 2026	OFFERINGS	YTD RECEIVED	YTD (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
HCC GENERAL	\$20,930.85	\$25,530.85	(\$69,589.53)	(\$128,685.72)
PCC GENERAL	\$780.00	\$3,921.00		
HCC BUILDING	\$30,090.00	\$36,836.86		
BUILDING PLEDGE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
RENOVATION PLEDGE	\$ 550.00	\$ 950.00		



STAFF ITINERARY

Dinah Koh: Vacation, 1/14-20

Melvin Huang: CCF Retreat, 1/16-18



LUNCH PREPARATION

Newcomers can pick up a free lunch coupon & voucher to book stall at the Welcome Desk!

Wilson & Dena/ Patrick & Debbie (this week)

Jiaxin/SYPF (next week)

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PAYPAL GIVING FUND



PPGF GIVING CODES

Your donation will default to the General Fund, unless you use a code to designate a fund (e.g. \$250.25 for a pledge fulfillment).

- "27" - Fulfilling your Renovation Pledge
- "25" - Fulfilling your Building Project pledge
- "22" - Designate to the HCC Building Fund
- "30" - 2nd Floor Children's Center

ABOUT US

New or Visiting HCC?

If you are a newcomer or visitor, we would love to connect you with our church community! Take a moment to fill out our Visitor's Welcome form: hcc.lv/welcome OR stop by our welcome desk in the lobby. We will contact you with ways to connect with our community!

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